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A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

Hongkong, 29th October, 1888.

MARRIAGE.

At Newchwang, on the 17th November,

ARTHUR HENRY SUGDEN, of the Imperial Maritime

Customs Service, to EDITH LILIAN, eldest

daughter of Henry E. Bush, of Newchwang.

DEATH.

At Kobe, on the 20th instant, JOHN SHARP,

in his 45th year.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1888.

TELEGRAMS.

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RUSSIA AND COREA.

LONDON, November 25th.

The Times' statement regarding the Russian

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Spain. The politics have been changed into a state of considerable excitement by the publication of the statistics relating to the religious orders in Spain. There are 221 monasteries in the land, 300 having been built since 1876, with a total of 4,220 monks. There are also 1,109 convents, with 34,000 nuns. The cause of the alarm lies in the fact that the orders are almost entirely Carlist.

A bill at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, to-night. All those desirous of an evening's enjoyment should not miss seeing "The Sorcerer" and "Arabian Nights." We observe that Mr. H. M. Imano is cast for Dr. Daly in the comic opera. He will appear at great disadvantage coming after such a capital actor and effective vocalist as our "crack" amateur, Mr. C. H. Grace.

THE deceased wife's sister is up again. A declaration in favour of permitting marriage with that much desired lady has been signed by the presidents and ex-presidents of the principal Nonconformist bodies. Why are not ladies anxious to marry their deceased husbands' brothers? Perhaps they would be if a little agitation were set on foot. Let us have a Deceased Husband's Brother League.

ACCORDING to the Peking Gazette, Yeh-ho-na, the daughter of Deputy Lieutenant General Kuei Hsiang, will be the future Empress of the vast Empire, as consort of H. I. M. Kwang Sü General Hui Kiang is a brother of the Empress Dowager and Empress Mother, which somewhat complicates the Imperial relationship. Two other young girls, the daughters of Chang Hsi, have been selected as His Majesty's concubines, one of the ladies being fifteen, the other thirteen years of age.

A DIFFICULT and delicate question has been under discussion at Rome. It is "In an extreme case would a priest be able to hear confession and give a valid absolution by telephone?" A strong case has been made out for the negative. Apart from word-twisting and tradition, however, an excellent argument might be offered for confession by telephone. In cases of severe sickness, where time is an object, it would be invaluable. It would also obviate scandal. The loveliest damsel might confess to the most fascinating priest without barbing the arrows of satire, if the business were carried on with a space of a mile between confessor and confessee.

THE Japan Mail regrets to hear that the recently announced performance of "Princess Ida," by the Yokohama Choral Society, which it had been intended should be produced on the 4th of next month, has been withdrawn. Several rehearsals had taken place, and the choir were getting into good form, but there was some difficulty with the principal parts. If all we hear from outside sources be true, our local Choral Society might do worse than follow the example of the Yokohama institution. A musical critic, who is no bad judge of the article, tells us that both principals and chorus in "Idolante" are something awful. And we can readily believe it. However, *non veritas*.

THE Newchwang correspondent of our Shanghai morning contemporary writes under date the 17th inst.—H.M.S. Cockshofer arrived on the 14th inst., much to the delight of the community who feel very grateful to the Admiral for so promptly taking into consideration the otherwise unprotected state of the Port. A Dock is being dug, east of the British Concession, or rather of such portion of the latter as still remains above high-water mark; and we hope that the vessel will be safely docked in a few days. The weather remains quite mild, and although one cannot be sure at this time what may occur in 24 hours' appearances are decidedly in favour of the river being quite safe for shipping, for the next ten days. A good number of steamers are expected to load still—there is a scarcity of new pulp and produce generally has gone up. We hear a Chinese gunboat is to be docked also below the native City, showing that some fears are entertained by the Governor.

WE regret to learn that trouble has arisen between Mr. Willard, director of the American Musical Comedy and Opera Company, and the Committee of the St. Andrew's Hall. As every body who has attended a Scottish ball in Hongkong knows right well, it is almost absolutely necessary to have a couple of clear days to properly lay a flooring over the ground floor of the Theatre, and prepare it for a supper-room. The sub-committee in charge of this work wished to commence operations to-morrow, but Mr. Willard steps in and objects, claiming the right to give a performance in the Theatre on Thursday night. Technically, we believe, owing to the gross stupidity of the person who has the letting of the City Hall—Mr. Willard is within his right in making this claim, as a matter of policy we are perfectly sure he is wrong in making it. Insisting on his point, what right of courtesy and consideration Mr. Willard and his company owe to the public who have so liberally supported their performances, we leave to themselves to decide; but we do not hesitate to say that the demand of \$250 as an indemnity for all circumstances, something very like an attempt at blackmailing, is a gross and unjustifiable imposition. We do not pretend to dictate to the management of the Company what course they ought to follow in this matter, but it is perhaps as well they should know that a very strong feeling of indignation is pretty general in the colony at what is regarded as exceedingly sharp practice, and a considerable loss of public patronage. If the indemnity is about as certain as anything, the Committee of the St. Andrew's Hall will not pay the amount demanded by Mr. Willard's agents. They have been made to state work at midnight on Thursday, and it is hoped that they will have done everything by the time they appear on Friday night. We repeat we are exceedingly sorry that this trifling trouble has arisen, and would submit that if Mr. Willard and his company had been more considerate to the City Hall Committee, look steps to put a stop to the somewhat unbusinesslike management which leads to such deplorable blunders.

THE Roman Catholic Archbishop of Amsterdam has ordered an admonition to be read from the pulpits enjoining the faithful from seeing Bernhard in "La Tosca." The objection is that the play is irreligious. The Roman Catholic Bishop of Amsterdam, like numerous other Bishops, is about a century and a half behind the age we live in.

A NATIVE paper says that owing to the lowness of exchange of taels into copper cash at Ying-kow and Newchwang, the Tia 500 0 to Tia 600 00 sent for distribution by the charitable natives of Shanghai had to sustain a considerable reduction, and the Committee prevailed upon the Hai-cheng District Magistrate to go to Newchwang and move the money-changers in give better value; for the benefit of the starving people. The Military Commandant, Tai Kien, also exhorted them to such good effort that they have now cheerfully agreed to cash the remittances from Shanghai for this benevolent object at par, making no charges whatever.

THE first professional championship sprinting meeting ever held in the United States took place at St. Louis on October 21st, under the auspices of the Professional Athletic Association of America. The meeting was to settle the dispute regarding the real championship, and hereafter no sprinter in the United States or Canada will be recognized as champion unless he wins the title under the rules of this association. The fastest men in the country participated, including H. M. Johnson of St. Louis, Leon Loefer of Chicago, James Quirk of Brantford, Ont.; Harry B. Thune of Cornwall, Ont.; James Collins of Edgerton, Wis.; Frank Whitney of Nebraska, C. F. Gibson of Detroit, Ill.; J. C. Bryan of San Francisco, and W. C. Ryan of Sioux City, Ia. The track was very muddy, and the time consequently a trifle slow, but no race was won by more than six inches. The result was as follows: Fifty yards—H. M. Johnson. Time, 0'05 2-3 and 0'31. Seventy-five yards—Harry Bethune. Time, 0'07 3-5. One hundred yards—Harry Bethune. Time, 0'10. One hundred and twenty yards—James Quirk. Time, 0'12. B. Thune having scored the greatest number of points is champion of America.

WE should really like to know in what sense or accentuation of the word, "Brownie's" reference to the British administration of this colony as "skin-deep" may be taken. According to this unimpeachable authority on mangel wurzel and turnip-tops the Chinese community governs itself, the trade associations performing for them all the functions of a properly constituted government. If a riot or a street war occurs like the one which lately took place among a batch of coolies at Pedder's Wharf, the Chinese authorities would have us believe that all the differences arising among the natives are settled and compounded by their own trade associations, and that the influence exercised by these bodies is superior to the authoritative power of the Government, whose administration is only skin-deep. We think nothing is more skin-deep than this *China Mail* discovery. By no other portion of the residents of this Colony is the British administration more felt and respected than by the Chinese community. The gambling ordinances may be cited as an illustration of our assertion. Is that administration only skin-deep which probes the very vitals of native vice, and aims at rooting it out by all the resources of Police supervision and by the inflexible arm of criminal law? Not a week passes by without some raid being instituted into the native gambling dens, and the infringers of the law being brought before the Magistrate, either for fine or for punishment. If there is any ordinance that acts as a deterrent on the native masses, it is assuredly our gambling ordinance. When it comes to be worked up to its full extent and scope, the public may reasonably expect that it will bring the total abolition of the gambling nuisance from our midst. The rigor with which the infringers of the Opium Ordinance are dealt with at the Magistrate's court is another proof of the severity of our laws regarding the Chinese. The sanitary regulations lately enforced, the "back-yard" provisions, the drain pipes, and above all, the wooden verandahs abolition ordinance, are so many more convincing proofs that our administration of the Chinese population is anything but skin-deep. We do not deny that the trade guilds possess influence and powers of moral coercion over the native population; but let us not confound business etiquette and the manifold personal interests arising therefrom with the impartial and uniform action of the law. The *China Mail*'s line of argument is strictly fallacious. On the assumption that a junk-man who is being gored, or otherwise oppressed and boycotted, by a gang of natives, as in the Pedder's Wharf squabble, "We never dream of claiming the protection of the Police because the trade combinations are the actual thorns in the flesh, is drawn that the Chinese really govern themselves in great measure, and the English administration is hardly skin-deep." This is logic à la Brownie, with a vengeance. The trade thorns, alluded to, are necessarily the guilds, and they exercise any other power beyond moral coercion? And is not every Chinaman in the Colony sufficiently protected by law and the Police to denounce the coercion put on him and to seek redress in a Court of Justice against his oppressors? The question is not whether he would, or would not do so under the circumstances, but whether he could do so. Any person or business man who appeals to law against his oppressor, may be under the necessity of suffering more or less damage; but if he can obtain redress, if a wise administration watches over his interests, if an inflexible criminal law hangs like a sword over the oppressor, and a vigorous Police goes into his movements, ready and able to cut down unjust pretensions, the business man has no reason to fear the Chinese, need not entertain any fear of being boycotted out of his trade, provided he has sufficient discretion and prudence towards his supposed enemies. The above "logic" is fully realized by our local administration, and we cannot see any little bit of evidence in the *China Mail*'s assertions to the contrary.

H. M. S. Cockshofer arrived at Newchwang on the 14th inst., and will be stationed there throughout the winter.

WE are informed by the agents (Messrs. D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.) that the steamer *Arratoon* is expected on about the 2nd and proximo.

WE were favored with a visit this morning from Mr. Ego da Silva, who assures us that the information conveyed to us by our Macao correspondent regarding his alleged action in recommending the Macao authorities to prosecute the *Hongkong Telegraph* for libel is entirely without foundation. He says he isn't built that way.

THE Band will play at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, this evening, commencing at 7.45 o'clock. The following will be the programme:—

March "Merry March" Scholtes.
Overture "The Land of the Living" Scholtes.
Voluntary "The Land of the Living" Scholtes.
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THE Archbishop of York, in presiding at York over a conference on burial reforms, on the 5th October, said the Society was persevering in its attempt to convince the public that funerals ought to be inexpensive, and that they ought to be marked, as far as it was possible, by every sign of cheerfulness, instead of despair, on the part of those who came around the mourning relatives.

F. XAVIER, sanitary watchman, of Macao, forgot that he was no longer in the Holy City, yesterday. He went up to a lukong with an air of mystery and asked if he was on duty. Lukong said he was, and Xavier asked him to "come here." After leaving the poor chap all over the shop he threatened to report him, and to crown his vagaries hit him with a stick. He was fined \$15.

THUS the *Hu Pao*—The ex-Director of the Yellow River, the *Giro Ch'eng Fu*, who was banished to the Far North for delinquencies in his control, had his boat jobbed at Tientsin on the night of November 4th of everything he had with him. The District Magistrate of Tientsin has instituted a search for the thieves. To be an exile to a wild country ten thousand li from one's home is bad enough, without having all one's money and effects walked off with into the bargain.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before Mr. A. F. Leach, Acting Pulver Judge.)

THE LITTLE HONGKONG CASE.

SENTENCE OF DEATH.

THE evidence for the prosecution was resumed this morning; the Attorney-General conducting the case on behalf of the Crown and Mr. Robinson (not visited by Mr. Caldwell) defending. After the evidence (already reported) had been concluded, Mr. Robinson, for the defence, said that he did not propose to call any witnesses; but would unfold his line of defence. It was that the evidence for the prosecution had not been conclusive. On his side he had the difficult duty of showing that the prisoners were not there. Now it was a very difficult thing to prove where they were, more especially as the crime was committed at midnight. But he suggested that the credibility of the boy who had identified the prisoner was questionable. He appeared to be a sharp little fellow, and there was certainly some difference between him and the average European boy, as in the matter of telling the truth, and maintaining the gravity of the charge. The witness, for instance, did not even know it was a trial for murder; he generally thought it was a case of the usual sense of responsibility. Before accepting his evidence they should expect him to understand the consequences which might ensue from the truth. These were considerations apart from the weight of his evidence. If it was true, it was conclusive, but was it true? It would not have been difficult, he suggested, to teach the boy the story he had to tell. The murder and robbery spoke for themselves—all that was necessary was that he should identify somebody. To do so might be that the men were so placed at the Magistrate's court that they were easily identified. It would not have been difficult for a smart boy to pick them out by their marked positions, the length of time which had elapsed between the crime and the identification—twelve days. He favored the theory that his client was assisted, and at least cast a doubt upon the genuineness of the evidence. It did not seem to him (Mr. Robinson) that the witnesses were perfectly impartial in their object; they seemed to be doing their part to obtain a conviction. Therefore the identification being necessary, was it not likely that the boy's evidence was manufactured. It was incredible that that boy really did lie on his bed and watch the two prisoners out of the whole crowd like a detective, for the purpose of being able to identify them. The case turned on that question—were they there and did he see them. He admitted that they stood in the dock under grave suspicion of being the receivers of the stolen goods—possibly participants in the robbery but there was no conclusive evidence to justify the jury in finding the guilt of the darker crime. The case bristled with doubt, and he confidently left the lives of the men in the hands of the jury.

THE Attorney-General said that he only exercised his right of reply in view of the line which the defence had taken. Mr. Robinson had adopted a novel and irregular system of addressing the jury, and had told them his private and private convictions. They must put all that out of their minds; as illegitimate and immaterial argument, upon which no conclusions could be arrived at. His friend had very properly said that the issue was a serious one; they must not convict these men rashly, impulsively, or on insufficient grounds, or on a pile of reasonable doubt, or on prisoners' guilt, but they were equally responsible for the discharge of their duty in the absence of any substantial doubt. That case, he said, was a novel and irregular system of addressing the jury, and had told them his private and private convictions. They must put all that out of their minds; as illegitimate and immaterial argument, upon which no conclusions could be arrived at. 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24th November, 1888. (119)

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